and reason for not taking up the work as yet?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No. There is only part provision for the work this year.

Regular survey and levels had to be run before the estimate could be prepared. These are now over and the preparation of the estimate has been taken up. The work will be taken up as soon as the estimate is ready.

Maintenance of Athur Chira.

68. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention:—

(a) whether the Diwan has not received a petition dated 29th Edavam 1102 about the maintenance of Athur Chira and if so, a copy of it will be placed on the table;

(b) what action has been taken by the Government in this matter to redress the grievance?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Yes. As the petition has not yet been disposed of, it cannot be placed on the table now.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Inspection of Ayurvedic Vaidyasalas.

69. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state the name of the official who is inspecting Ayurvedic Hospitals in the State; whether he is a qualified Ayurvedic Physician; and if not, whether the Government have considered the question of appointing a qualified doctor for the purpose?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The accounts are inspected by the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats and his assistants. In technical matters the inspection is done by one of the Ayurvedic Vaidyans belonging to the Board of the K. A. Samajam specially deputed for the purpose by the Government.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is the member of the K. A. Samajam paid anything extra for the inspection of these hospitals?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes. Travelling allowances and daily allowances are allowed to him.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—In the course of the month, for how many days will his services be utilized for inspecting an Ayurvedic Hospital?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It takes only two days for him in a Hospital.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How many Vaidyasalas are there in the State on the whole?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—There are 13 in all.

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